

# Finals In NAIB Meet Here Tonight

## Elon To Play East Carolina In Final Tilt

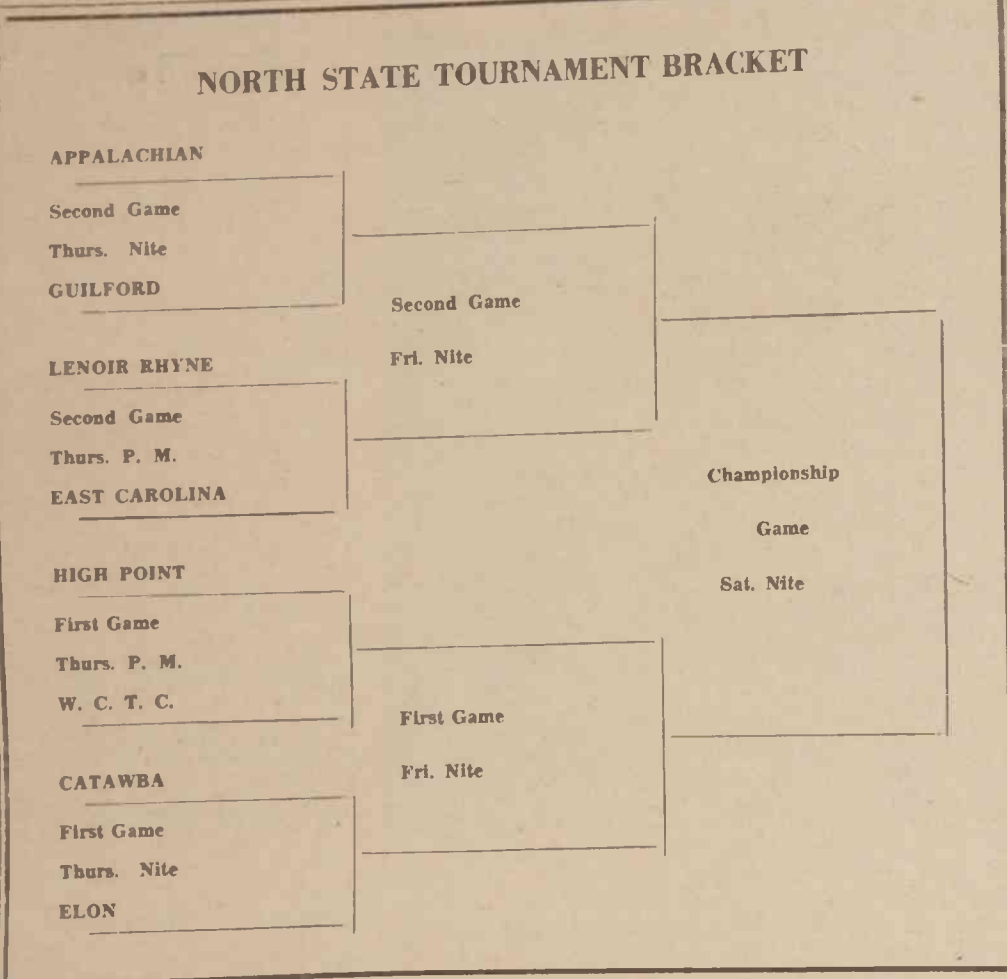
The Elon and East Carolina cagers clash in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium here at 8 o'clock tonight in the finals of the annual Carolinas NAIB basketball tournament, with the winner due to represent North and South Carolina in the national NAIB meet to be held in Kansas City the week of March 10th.

The Fighting Christians moved into the finals of the sectional tourney here by defeating Appalachian's Mountaineers 72 to 65 in one of the most thrilling games seen on the local floor this year. The two teams, which tied for regular season honors in the North State Conference, were tied at the end of the first quarter and at the half, but Elon moved out in the final half to win.

The East Carolina Pirates won their way to the finals with a hard-fought 69 to 61 victory over the High Point Panthers in the opening round battles here last night. Their battle was bitterly fought all the way, and no less than six regulars from the two teams went out of the game by the way of five personal fouls.

Don Halthcox paced the Elon squad to victory in the opening battle last night with 22 points, but it was Dee Atkinson, freshman center, who played much of the game at forward, who really came through in the pinch in replacing injured Nelvin Cooper. Atkinson racked 20 points in the game.

Game summaries follow:  
 Pos.—Elon (72) Appalachian (63)  
 F—Kendall (8) Hunt (21)  
 F—Gauldin (3) Stanley (10)  
 C—Halthcox (22) Pyecha (5)  
 G—Musten (6) Mast (9)  
 G—Mondy (8) Hooks (8)  
 Halftime score: Elon 41, Appalachian 41.  
 Elon subs: Atkinson (20), Mitch-



ell (9), Quakenbush (4), McIntyre. Appalachian subs—Stokes, Duncan, Collins (2) Hodges, Holmesley.

Pos.—E. Carolina (69) H. Point (61)  
 F—Hodges (19) Joyce (16)  
 F—Russell (17) Lisk (3)  
 C—Fennell (7) Sueta (19)  
 G—Collie (12) Davidson (7)  
 G—Blake (4) Thornton (5)  
 Halftime score: East Carolina 34, High Point 30.  
 East Carolina subs—Huffman (8), Carr, Heath (1), Jones (1), Postas, High Point subs—Hicks (14), Sykes, Popp (1), West.

More than thirty-five Alamance County alumni of Elon College attended a dinner meeting on the Elon campus on Wednesday, February 13th.

## Eight Teams Will Battle In Tourney At Statesville

The Elon Christians and the Appalachian Mountaineers took the two top-seeded positions for the ninth annual Conference basketball tournament, which is to get underway at Statesville at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, with eight of the nine teams in the Conference battling for the 1952 loop title.

It was something new in the annals of the Conference when Elon and Appalachian tied for the first place in regular season games, so the Christians and the Mountaineers had to draw for the brackets, with Appalachian going to the upper and Elon to the lower bracket.

The third-place Pirates of East Carolina and the fourth-place Panthers of High Point then drew for the middle positions on the bracket, with East Carolina going into the Appalachian group and High Point in the lower bracket with Elon.

Once the four seeded teams were placed, the other four entries were drawn to them, with first-round battles pairing High Point vs Western Carolina at 2:30 o'clock Thursday; East Carolina vs Lenoir-

Rhine at 4 o'clock Thursday; Elon vs Catawba at 7:30 o'clock Thursday night; and Appalachian vs Guilford at 9 o'clock Thursday night. The winners of these four games will battle in two semi-finals games on Friday night, followed by the final championship contest at 8 o'clock on Saturday night.

The Elon and Appalachian teams, which tied for first seeding this year, have each gone into one previous tournament with a first-place rating. The Christians were seeded first in 1941, while Appalachian was rated tops as the tournament opened in 1947. Neither team got by the first round games in those two years.

If all four seeded teams come through the first round of play at Statesville on Thursday, then the semi-finals of the Conference tourney will be a replay of the Carolinas NAIB meet, which got underway here at Elon on Monday of this week. However, the pairing will be slightly different, and the finals of Saturday night will have to show a different pair of teams from the ones which play the finals of the NAIB meet here at Elon tonight.

# Christians Tie With Mountaineers In North State Conference Race

The Elon Christians, after clinching their NAIB tournament berth by defeating Guilford last Thursday night, wound up their regular season schedule by meeting the Lenoir Rhyne Bears in Hickory on Saturday night.

The Maroon and Gold cagers, according to available statistics, became the first team in Elon history to win more than twenty games in the regular season. They have also set both team and individual scoring records.

**EAST CAROLINA 76, ELON 62**  
 The East Carolina Pirates snapped a ten-game winning streak for the Christian cagers when they defeated Elon 76 to 62 at Greenville on Saturday night, February 9th. The game evened the count between the two teams.  
 Pos.—Elon (62) E. Carolina (76)  
 F—Kendall (10) Russel (14)  
 F—Hall (2) Hodges (35)  
 C—Halthcox (15) Fennell (6)  
 G—Mondy (8) Blake (11)  
 G—Cooper (3) Jones (2)  
 Halftime: East Carolina 35, Elon 30.  
 Elon subs—Rakes (3), Gaither, Gauldin (11), Atkinson (10), Musten, Mitchell, Quakenbush. East Carolina subs—Carr, King, Heath, Huffman (2), Postas, Collie (6).

**HIGH POINT 76, ELON 62**  
 Elon had maintained its first place in the Conference through the loss to East Carolina, but High Point added insult to injury when she handed the Christians a second straight defeat at High Point on Monday, February 11th, to kick the Christians out of the North State leadership. The score was 76 to 62, the same as in the East Carolina tilt.

**Pos.—Elon (2) High Point (76)**  
 F—Kendall (12) Joyce (12)  
 F—Gaither (7) Hicks (10)  
 C—Halthcox (22) Sueta (36)  
 G—Mondy (3) Davidson (4)  
 G—Cooper (8) Thornton (4)  
 Halftime: High Point 37, Elon 33.  
 Elon subs—Gauldin (7), Hall, Rakes, Atkinson (1), Mitchell (2), Musten, Quakenbush. High Point subs—Lisk (10).

**ELON 77, A.C.C. 38**  
 The Fighting Christians bounced back into the victory column with a vim on Wednesday night, February 13th, when they swamped the Atlantic Christian Bulldogs 77 to 38 on the home court here. This victory moved the Elon cagers back into a tie for first place with the Appalachian Mountaineers, who were idle that night.

**Pos.—Elon (77) A. C. C. (38)**  
 F—Kendall (16) Peebles (8)  
 F—Cooper (4) Clark (12)  
 C—Halthcox (21) Shiffner (7)  
 G—Mondy (12) Johnson (4)  
 G—Musten (5) Hebbe (3)  
 Halftime: Elon 34, A. C. C. 21.  
 Elon subs—Hall (3), Gauldin (2),

## Elon Cage Games

- Elon 61, Hanes Hosierey 68.
- Elon 58, Norfolk Navy 57.
- Elon 72, Atlantic Navy 61.
- Elon 49, Presbyterian 63.
- Elon 62, Erskine 45.
- Elon 75, Lynchburg 72.
- Elon 84, High Point "Y" 67.
- Elon 78, A.C.C. 61.
- Elon 81, Citadel 49.
- Elon 65, Hanes Hosierey 71.
- Elon 54, McCrary 63.
- Elon 81, Lynchburg 63.
- Elon 68, Appalachian 81.
- Elon 69, Catawba 71.
- Elon 50, Presbyterian 68.
- Elon 63, McCrary 62.
- Elon 77, Lenoir-Rhyne 68.
- Elon 61, Norfolk Navy 57.
- Elon 74, Erskine 47.
- Elon 90, Catawba 68.
- Elon 88, W.C.T.C. 70.
- Elon 69, W.C.T.C. 53.
- Elon 59, East Carolina 54.
- Elon 68, High Point 61.
- Elon 65, Appalachian 58.
- Elon 62, East Carolina 76.
- Elon 62, High Point 76.
- Elon 77, A.C.C. 38.
- Elon 76, Guilford 62.
- Elon 81, Guilford 79.
- Elon 86, Lenoir-Rhyne 78.

F—Kendall (14) McLeod (14)  
 F—Cooper (20) Shoaf (12)  
 C—Halthcox (21) Woodall (12)  
 G—Mondy (8) Callicut (12)  
 G—Musten (7) Crews (12)  
 Half-time: Elon 34, Guilford 34.

Elon subs—Rakes, Gaither, Gauldin, Atkinson (2), Mitchell, Quakenbush (2), McIntyre. Guilford subs—Dillon (12), Schorr, Topping, Ferrell (2).

**ELON 81, GUILFORD 79**  
 A last-second set shot by Roney McIntyre, Elon freshman, gave the Christians a thrilling 81 to 79 victory over Guilford at Guilford last Thursday night, February 9th. The win clinched an NAIB berth for Elon and moved the Christians back into a tie with Appalachian for the Conference lead.

**Pos.—Elon (81) Guilford (79)**  
 F—Kendall (22) McLeod (12)  
 F—Cooper (3) Shoaf (12)  
 C—Halthcox (31) Topping (12)  
 G—Mondy (2) Crews (12)  
 G—Musten (2) Ferrell (2)  
 Half time score: Guilford 40, Elon 40.

Elon subs—Gauldin (4), Gaither (1), Atkinson (9), Mitchell (4), McIntyre (6), Quakenbush (6). Guilford subs—Lapham (1), Schorr, Callicut (2), Dillon (5).

**ELON 86, LENOIR-RHYNE 78**  
 The Christians romped to an 86 to 78 victory over Lenoir-Rhyne at Hickory last Saturday night, February 23rd, chalking up the twelfth Conference win in six regular season Conference games.

**Pos.—Elon (86) Lenoir-Rhyne (78)**  
 F—Kendall (10) Sellari (12)  
 F—Cooper (11) Pawlak (12)  
 C—Halthcox (21) Newsome (12)  
 G—Mondy (5) Lojpersberger (12)  
 G—Musten (2) Reid (12)  
 Halftime score: Elon: 40, Lenoir-Rhyne 32.


Elon subs—Gaither, Gauldin (1), Atkinson (9), Mitchell (4), McIntyre (2), Quakenbush (7). Lenoir-Rhyne subs—Barker, Probel (2), Hassell, Keister.


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